

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable light, comprising:

first and second d.c. lamps;

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a first housing portion having a longitudinal axis and enclosing the first lamp for projecting a first light beam in a direction of the longitudinal axis of the first housing portion, the first housing portion having an exterior surface contour and including a compartment containing electrical means for connection to a d.c. power supply connectable in circuit with the first lamp;

a second housing portion having a shape of a hand grip and extending from a first side of the first housing portion in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis of the first housing portion, the second housing portion enclosing the second lamp connectable in circuit with the electrical means for projecting a second light beam in a direction forming an angle with the longitudinal axis of the first housing portion; and

a support pivotally connected to the first housing portion and being pivotable between a closed position in which the support has a shape which generally conforms to the contour of the exterior surface of the first housing portion and an open position in which the support forms a stand extending from an

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opposite side of the first housing portion from that of the first side of the first housing portion for stabilizing the portable light source on a surface so that at least one of the first and second lamps can be directed toward a work area.

2. The portable light source according to claim 1, wherein the first lamp has a higher intensity relative to the second lamp.

3. The portable light source according to claim 1, wherein the second housing portion has a free end and the second lamp is arranged in second housing portion near the free end.

4. The portable light source according to claim 3, and further including switches for independently switching the first and second lamps on and off.

5. The portable light source according to claim 1, wherein the support includes a first element having a shape of a Y, with the single leg at one end of the Y pivotally connected to the first housing portion and the two legs at the other end of the Y adapted to rest on a surface when the first element is pivoted away from the first housing portion.

6. The portable light source according to claim 5, wherein the first housing portion includes a first shoulder which presents a stop for limiting a pivoting angle of the first element of the support.

7. The portable light source according to claim 5, wherein the support includes a second element pivotally connected to the first housing portion for presenting a third leg adapted to rest on a surface when pivoted away from the first housing portion.

8. The portable light source according to claim 7, wherein the first housing portion includes a second shoulder which presents a second stop for limiting a pivoting angle of the second element of the support.

9. The portable light source according to claim 1, wherein the compartment is adapted to receive a battery.

10. The portable light source according to claim 1, wherein the compartment is adapted to receive a d.c. power cord.

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